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BATMAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

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WILL THE TWO CRIME-FIGHTERS SUCCEED IN UNRAVELLING THE WEIRD PATTERN THAT LEADS TO THE...

CRIME-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB!

HA, HA... YOU CAN'T STOP US, **BATMAN!** THE NEEDLES OF THIS CACTUS WERE DIPPED IN POISON!

YEAH...ONE JAB OF 'EM, AND YOU'RE A DEAD DUCK!

A UNIQUE EXHIBIT BRINGS WEALTHY BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS YOUNG WARD DICK GRAYSON, TO THE GOTHAM FLOWER SHOW...

BOY, LOOK AT THIS CROWD, BRUCE!

THEY'RE HERE FOR THE SAME REASON WE ARE, DICK--TO SEE THE FABULOUS **BLACK ORCHID!**

GOTH AUDITO Annual MAY FLOWER SHOW

INSIDE, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...

THIS IS THE ONLY ONE OF ITS KIND IN CIVILIZATION! THE AMAZON EXPEDITION THAT FOUND IT PRICED IT AT $50,000!

WOW! THAT **BLACK ORCHID** IS WORTH MORE THAN MANY DIAMONDS!

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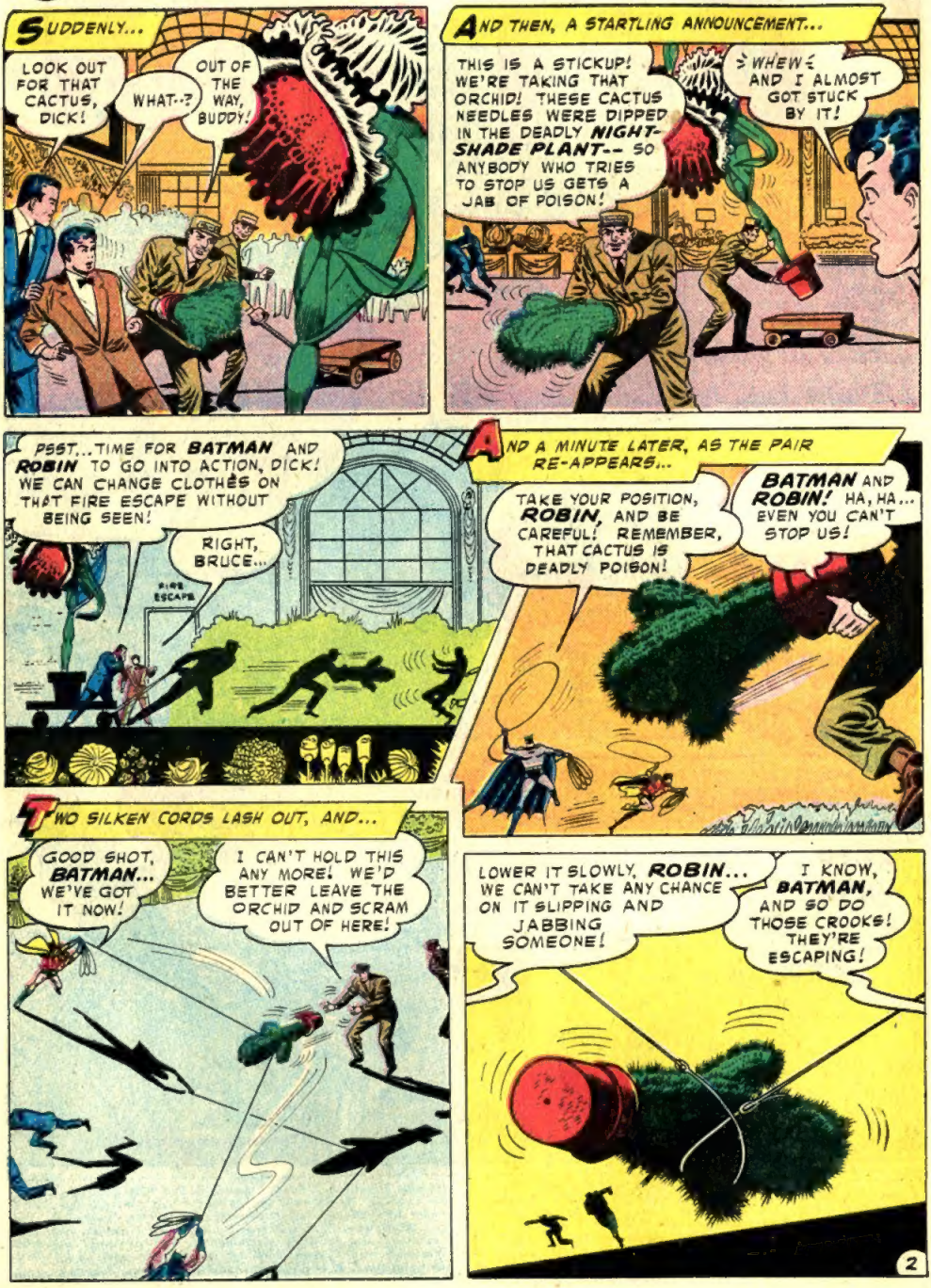
SUDDENLY...
LOOK OUT FOR THAT CACTUS, DICK!
WHAT--?
OUT OF THE WAY, BUDDY!
AND THEN, A STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT...
THIS IS A STICKUP! WE'RE TAKING THAT ORCHID! THESE CACTUS NEEDLES WERE DIPPED IN THE DEADLY NIGHT-SHADE PLANT-- SO ANYBODY WHO TRIES TO STOP US GETS A JAB OF POISON!
WHEW! AND I ALMOST GOT STUCK BY IT!
PSST...TIME FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN TO GO INTO ACTION, DICK! WE CAN CHANGE CLOTHES ON THAT FIRE ESCAPE WITHOUT BEING SEEN!
RIGHT, BRUCE...
FIRE ESCAPE
AND A MINUTE LATER, AS THE PAIR RE-APPEARS...
TAKE YOUR POSITION, ROBIN, AND BE CAREFUL! REMEMBER, THAT CACTUS IS DEADLY POISON!
BATMAN AND ROBIN! HA, HA... EVEN YOU CAN'T STOP US!
TWO SILKEN CORDS LASH OUT, AND...
GOOD SHOT, BATMAN... WE'VE GOT IT NOW!
I CAN'T HOLD THIS ANY MORE! WE'D BETTER LEAVE THE ORCHID AND SCRAM OUT OF HERE!
LOWER IT SLOWLY, ROBIN... WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCE ON IT SLIPPING AND JABBING SOMEONE!
I KNOW, BATMAN, AND SO DO THOSE CROOKS! THEY'RE ESCAPING!
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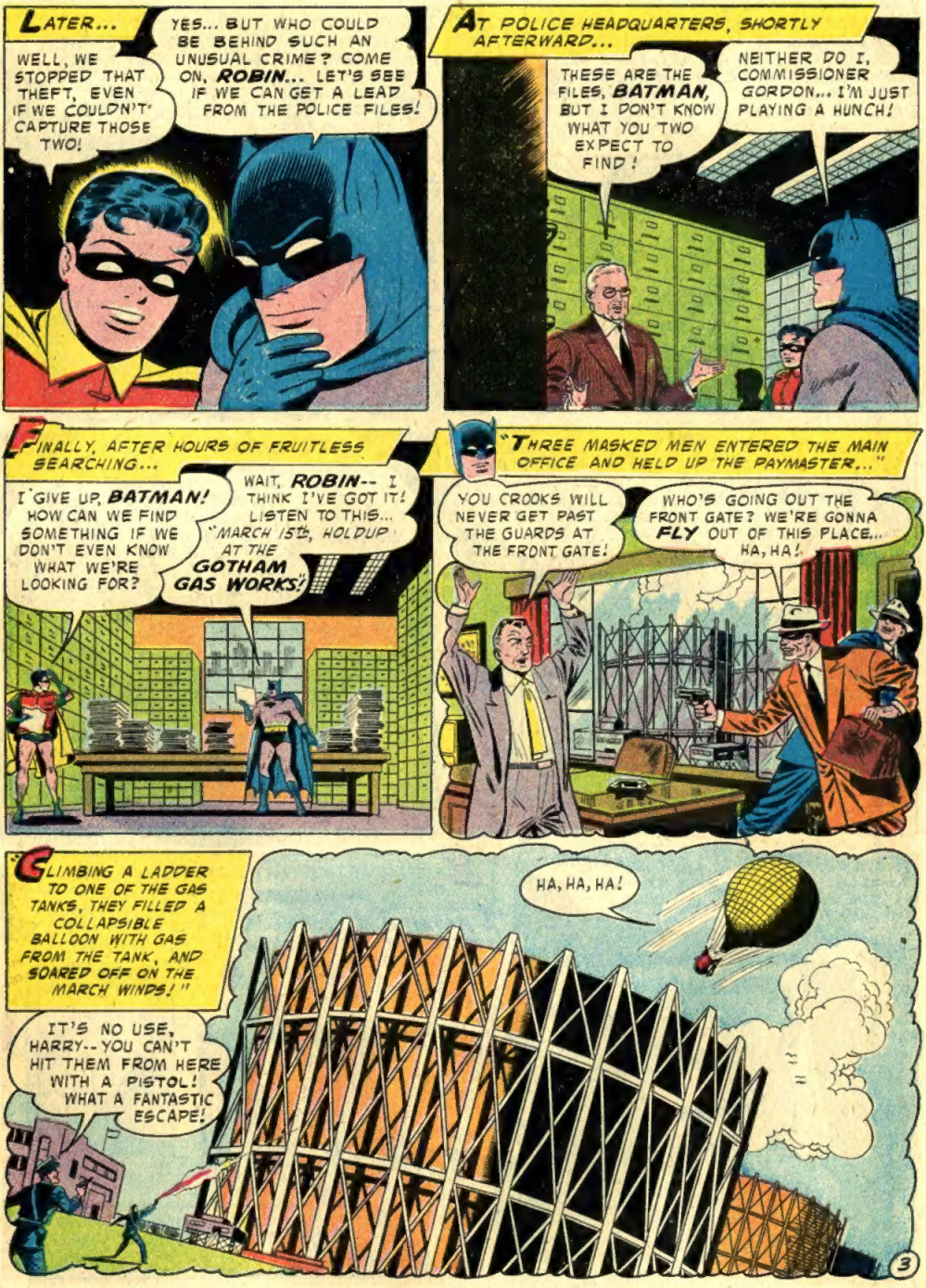
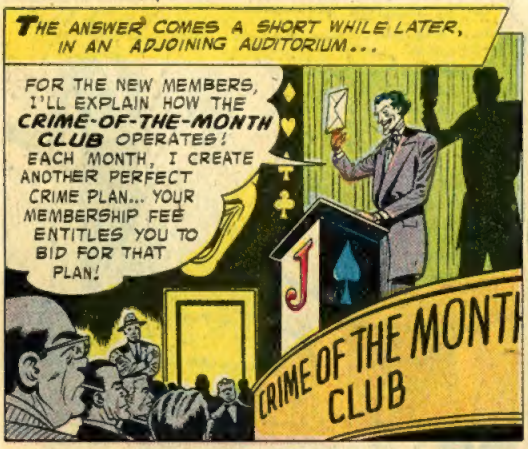

LATER...
YES... BUT WHO COULD BE BEHIND SUCH AN UNUSUAL CRIME? COME ON, ROBIN... LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET A LEAD FROM THE POLICE FILES!
WELL, WE STOPPED THAT THEFT, EVEN IF WE COULDN'T CAPTURE THOSE TWO!
AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS, SHORTLY AFTERWARD...
THESE ARE THE FILES, BATMAN, BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU TWO EXPECT TO FIND!
NEITHER DO I, COMMISSIONER GORDON... I'M JUST PLAYING A HUNCH!
FINALLY, AFTER HOURS OF FRUITLESS SEARCHING...
I GIVE UP, BATMAN! HOW CAN WE FIND SOMETHING IF WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR?
WAIT, ROBIN-- I THINK I'VE GOT IT! LISTEN TO THIS... "MARCH 15TH, HOLDUP AT THE GOTHAM GAS WORKS!"
"THREE MASKED MEN ENTERED THE MAIN OFFICE AND HELD UP THE PAYMASTER..."
YOU CROOKS WILL NEVER GET PAST THE GUARDS AT THE FRONT GATE!
WHO'S GOING OUT THE FRONT GATE? WE'RE GONNA FLY OUT OF THIS PLACE... HA, HA!
"CLIMBING A LADDER TO ONE OF THE GAS TANKS, THEY FILLED A COLLAPSIBLE BALLOON WITH GAS FROM THE TANK, AND SOARED OFF ON THE MARCH WINDS!"
HA, HA, HA!
IT'S NO USE, HARRY-- YOU CAN'T HIT THEM FROM HERE WITH A PISTOL! WHAT A FANTASTIC ESCAPE!

A BALLOON ESCAPE...THAT HAS THE SAME KIND OF STRANGE FLAVOR TO IT AS THE ATTEMPTED ORCHID THEFT!
AND LOOK-- HERE'S ANOTHER! "APRIL 1ST, THEFT AT BURKE'S FUR WAREHOUSE. IT BEGAN AS A PRACTICAL JOKE..."
"THE NIGHT WATCHMAN RECEIVED A PHONE WARNING THAT THE WAREHOUSE WAS BEING LOOTED-- BUT, WHEN HE GOT THERE..."
APRIL FOOL!
HUH? OH, WISE GUYS, EH? SCRAM, YOU TWO!
WITH THE WATCHMAN DECOYED, A THIRD MAN ENTERED HIS OFFICE AND JAMMED THE BURGLAR ALARM, ENABLING THE THIEVES TO ROB THE WAREHOUSE, LATER, WITHOUT DISCOVERY!
IF IT HADN'T BEEN APRIL FOOL'S DAY, THE WATCHMAN WOULD HAVE BECOME SUSPICIOUS! NOW I SEE IT ALL!
SEE WHAT? I STILL DON'T GET IT, BATMAN!
MARCH WINDS... APRIL FOOL'S DAY... AND A FLOWER THEFT IN MAY! A CRIME EACH MONTH, RELATED TO THE MONTH ITSELF! ONLY ONE MIND COULD CONCEIVE THAT WEIRD PATTERN...
I'LL BET THAT AT THE END OF THIS TRAIL, WE'LL FIND OUR OLD FRIEND-- THE JOKER! AND I THINK I KNOW WHAT HE'S PLANNING FOR JUNE!
INDEED, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, NOT FAR AWAY...
BATMAN RUINED MY CRIME FOR MAY... BUT HE CAN'T STOP MY JUNE SCHEME. IT'S PERFECT... HA, HA!
THE CLUB MEMBERS ARE WAITING FOR YOU, JOKER!
BATMAN FOILS ORCHID THEFT
CLUB? WHAT STRANGE SORT OF CLUB CAN THIS BE?

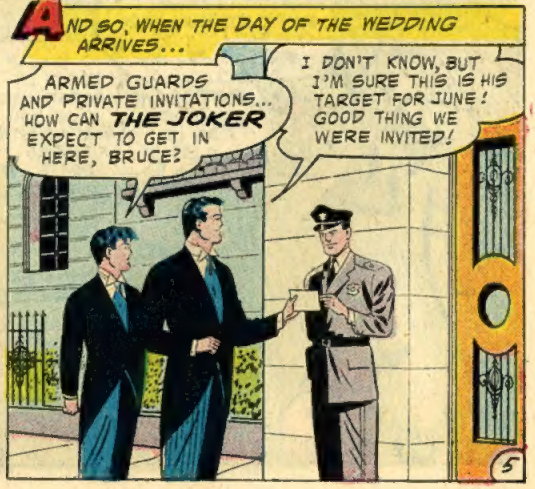

THE ANSWER COMES A SHORT WHILE LATER, IN AN ADJOINING AUDITORIUM...
FOR THE NEW MEMBERS, I'LL EXPLAIN HOW THE CRIME-OF-THE-MONTH CLUB OPERATES! EACH MONTH, I CREATE ANOTHER PERFECT CRIME PLAN... YOUR MEMBERSHIP FEE ENTITLES YOU TO BID FOR THAT PLAN!
CRIME OF THE MONTH CLUB

FOR EXAMPLE, I GUARANTEE THAT THE TAKE ON THIS JUNE PLAN WILL BE $250,000-- SO BID HIGH!

THIS PLAN IS FOR A HOLDUP OF THE VAN DIRK JUNE WEDDING PARTY! NOW WHAT AM I BID?
VAN DIRK--? OH, BOY...! I BID FIVE GRAND!
I'LL MAKE IT TEN!

HIGHER AND HIGHER THE EVIL BIDDING SOARS--TILL FINALLY...
GOING... GOING... GONE! SOLD TO BLINKY DEAN FOR $50,000!
BANG!
IT COST ME EVERY DOLLAR I'VE GOT... I HOPE IT WAS WORTH IT!

DON'T WORRY, BLINKY-- I'VE FIGURED OUT A METHOD TO CRASH THAT WEDDING THAT'S FOOLPROOF!


AND SO, WHEN THE DAY OF THE WEDDING ARRIVES...
ARMED GUARDS AND PRIVATE INVITATIONS... HOW CAN THE JOKER EXPECT TO GET IN HERE, BRUCE?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT I'M SURE THIS IS HIS TARGET FOR JUNE! GOOD THING WE WERE INVITED!

INSIDE, AS THEY INSPECT THE WEDDING GIFTS...
THESE PRESENTS ARE WORTH A FORTUNE--WHICH IS WHY THE JOKER IS BOUND TO TRY HIS LUCK HERE!
GOLLY--LOOK AT THAT CAKE!
THOSE FIGURES ON IT ARE SO LIFELIKE!
TOO LIFELIKE, DICK! COME ON... WE'VE GOT TO FIND A PLACE TO CHANGE INTO OUR FIGHTING CLOTHES!
WHAT HAS BRUCE NOTICED? CAN YOU GUESS?
A LITTLE LATER, AS THE CEREMONY BEGINS...
STOP THE WEDDING! THIS IS A STICK-UP!
THAT VOICE... WHERE IS IT COMING FROM? WHY--IT'S UP THERE!
BANG!
YEAH... AND THIS CANE SHOOTS REAL BULLETS, TOO!
RIGHT, PAL! THERE'S A WEAPON IN THESE ROSES!
BUT, IN THE NEXT MOMENT...
DON'T YOU BOYS KNOW IT'S BAD LUCK TO STOP A WEDDING?
BATMAN! HOW'D YOU FIND US OUT?
A SINGLE DROP OF PERSPIRATION GAVE YOU AWAY! PLASTIC FIGURES DON'T SWEAT!

LATER, AS POLICE TAKE THE THIEVES AWAY...
WHAT I CAN'T FIGURE OUT IS WHY THESE CROOKS SHOULD DO THE JOKER'S WORK FOR HIM!
THIS CARD EXPLAINS IT... ONE OF THEM DROPPED IT WHEN YOU KNOCKED HIM DOWN!
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The Joker
SO THAT'S IT, EH? THE JOKER HAS BEEN SELLING MONTHLY JOBS TO THE UNDERWORLD!
JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT OF HIM! AND IF I KNOW THE JOKER--AS SOON AS HE HEARS HOW WE'VE FOILED HIS PLAN, HE'LL PULL ANOTHER JUNE CRIME, JUST TO SAVE FACE!
RIGHT... AND I HAVE AN IDEA WHERE IT'LL BE, TOO! COME ON, ROBIN...
UPON REACHING THEIR DESTINATION, HOWEVER...
I THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THIS JUNE GRADUATION AT GOTHAM UNIVERSITY--BUT I WAS WRONG! NOW WHAT?
I THINK I KNOW, BATMAN! LET'S GET TO THE RAILROAD TERMINAL FAST!
BUT AT THE STATION, THEIR LUCK PROVES NO BETTER...
THESE KIDS ARE TAKING OFF FOR PINE GROVE, THAT SUMMER CAMP FOR WEALTHY CHILDREN! I THOUGHT THE JOKER MIGHT STRIKE HERE!
GOOD TRY, ROBIN! GUESS WE'D BETTER HEAD HOME AND WAIT FOR HIS NEXT MOVE! I CAN'T THINK OF ANY OTHER POSSIBLE...
WAIT A MINUTE! THIS NEW MOVIE, OPENING TODAY... THAT'S THE ANSWER!
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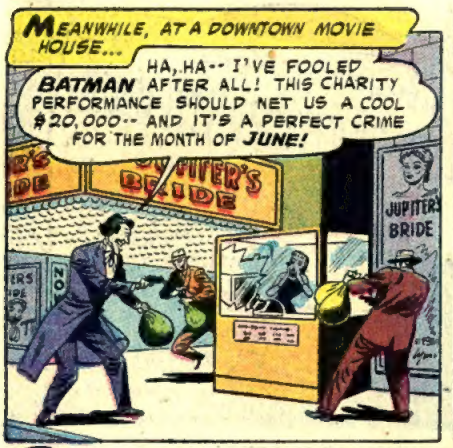
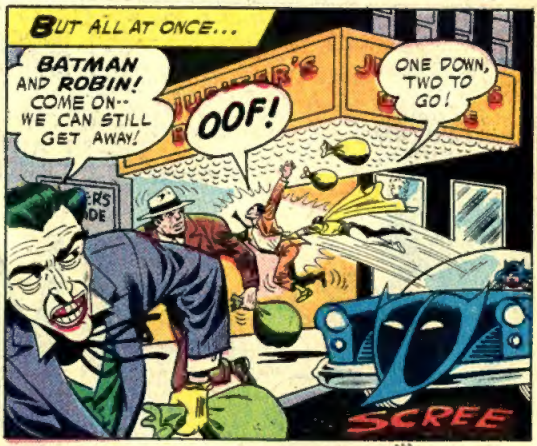
IT--IT IS? I DON'T UNDERSTAND, BATMAN!
"JUPITER'S BRIDE"


MEANWHILE, AT A DOWNTOWN MOVIE HOUSE...
HA, HA-- I'VE FOOLED BATMAN AFTER ALL! THIS CHARITY PERFORMANCE SHOULD NET US A COOL $20,000-- AND IT'S A PERFECT CRIME FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE!
JUPITER'S BRIDE


BUT ALL AT ONCE...
BATMAN AND ROBIN! COME ON-- WE CAN STILL GET AWAY!
OOF!
ONE DOWN, TWO TO GO!
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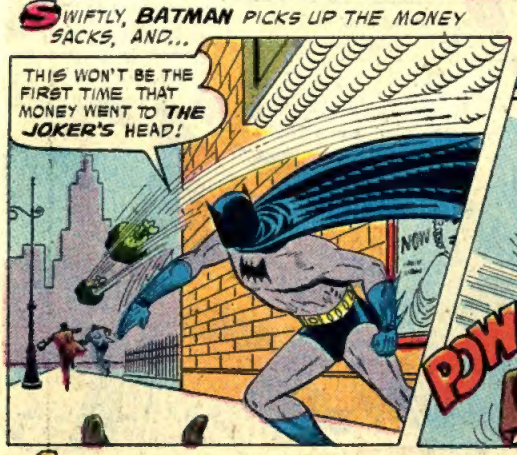
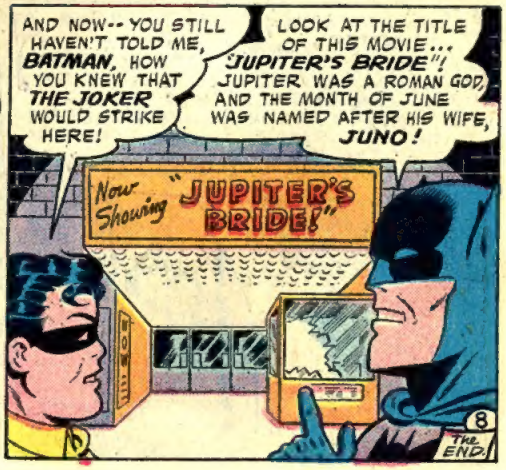

SWIFTLY, BATMAN PICKS UP THE MONEY SACKS, AND...
THIS WON'T BE THE FIRST TIME THAT MONEY WENT TO THE JOKER'S HEAD!

DOUBLE STRIKE, BATMAN!
POW
POW

AND SO, WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVE...
YOU GOT ME THIS TIME, BATMAN, BUT I'LL BE BACK FOR MORE... YOU CAN BET ON THAT!
THE ONLY THING YOU CAN BET ON, JOKER, IS A LONG STRETCH IN THE STATE PENITENTIARY!


AND NOW-- YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME, BATMAN, HOW YOU KNEW THAT THE JOKER WOULD STRIKE HERE!
LOOK AT THE TITLE OF THIS MOVIE... "JUPITER'S BRIDE"! JUPITER WAS A ROMAN GOD, AND THE MONTH OF JUNE WAS NAMED AFTER HIS WIFE, JUNO!
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OH, SOME MOVED AWAY--BUT A LOT OF NEW KIDS MOVED IN HERE, TOO.'
YEAH, AND THEY DON'T LOOK LIKE OUR KIND.'
HUH?.. COME ON, SAM, THE GAME'S GOING TO START NOW!
CARAMBA.' THAT'S HITTING THEM BASE-BALL.'
GET THAT.' CAN'T EVEN SPEAK ENGLISH.'
OH, BROTHER. THERE GOES YOUR GAME. HE PROBABLY CAN'T HIT A BALL EITHER.'
AW, LAY OFF, SAM. GIVE LUIS A CHANCE.'
STRIKE ONE.'
WHAT'D I TELL YOU? GEE, YOU SURE GOT A BUNCH OF LEMONS MOVED INTO THIS NEIGHBORHOOD.'
WOW.' A HOMER.' THAT'S HITTING THEM BASEBALL. EH, SAM? I TOLD YOU--JUST GIVE HIM A CHANCE.'
PETE'S RIGHT IN MORE WAYS THAN ONE. WHEN NEW FOLKS, KIDS OR GROWN-UPS MOVE INTO YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD, GIVE THEM A CHANCE--TO BE FRIENDS AND GOOD NEIGHBORS.'

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THE COP
WHY SO MAD, JACKSON?
I FINALLY GOT AROUND TO PAINTING THIS FENCE OF MINE --
-AND I RAN SHORT OF PAINT. THE STORES ARE ALL CLOSED TODAY, TOO!
SAY - I KNOW WHAT YOU CAN DO!
NOW NO ONE CAN SAY YOUR FENCE ISN'T ALL PAINTED!
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THE SECRET OF BATMAN'S BUTLER

I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE BRUCE WAYNE, **BATMAN**-- BUT **THERE'S** BRUCE, WITH HIS BUTLER, ALFRED, DRIVING HIM!

ONE NIGHT IN GOTHAM CITY, AS THE TWO MEN WHO ARE SECRETLY **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** START DOWN TO THEIR HIDDEN **BAT-CAVE**...

YOU'RE GOING OUT ON A MISSION AGAIN TONIGHT, SIR?

YES, ALFRED. IF LUCK IS WITH US, TONIGHT, WE HOPE TO CAPTURE PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1, DAN MARLY!

WE MAY BE LATE-- DON'T WAIT UP FOR US, ALFRED!

NO, SIR, I WON'T!

I'LL NEVER WAIT UP FOR **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** AGAIN, FOR I'LL NEVER **SEE** THEM AGAIN!

THUS, SADLY, THE ONLY MAN WHO KNOWS **BATMAN'S** IDENTITY, BRUCE WAYNE'S FAITHFUL BUTLER, ALFRED, PREPARES TO END HIS LONG AND LOYAL SERVICE!

I COULDN'T TELL THEM I WAS QUITTING, OR MR. BRUCE WOULD HAVE TRIED TO ARGUE ME OUT OF IT-- BUT AT LEAST I CAN LEAVE THEM A LETTER OF EXPLANATION!

Dear Mr. Bruce: I am leaving your employ because I can't face you--knowing that I have betrayed you by giving away the secret of your double identity.

SO IT IS THAT ALFRED, WITH HEAVY HEART, BEGINS A FATEFUL CONFESSION!

"MY TERRIBLE MISTAKE BEGAN YEARS AGO, ON THE VERY DAY WHEN I FIRST APPLIED FOR A POSITION AS YOUR BUTLER!"

HERE ARE MY REFERENCES, MR. WAYNE. YOU SEE, MY FATHER IN LONDON WAS A **GENTLEMAN'S** GENTLEMAN, AND HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM!

SOUNDS AS IF YOU HAVE PERFECT EXPERIENCE, ALFRED. NOW, SUPPOSE WE TRY EACH OTHER OUT A FEW DAYS FIRST, TO MAKE SURE WE'LL BE SATISFIED WITH EACH OTHER?

"SO I BEGAN **BUTTLING** FOR YOU, NOT DREAMING THAT YOU WERE THOSE FAMOUS CHAPS, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**! THEN, AS I WAS LEAVING A NEIGHBORHOOD APOTHECARY SHOP..."

MY NAME IS NOYES--I TRIED TO GET THAT JOB AS MR. WAYNE'S BUTLER, BUT I GUESS HE WANTED A REAL ENGLISH BUTLER! CONGRATULATIONS!

THANK YOU, MY GOOD MAN!

"SOON, I REALIZED MY NEW ACQUAINTANCE WAS TRYING TO PUMP INFORMATION FROM ME!"

--AND DOES MR. WAYNE GO OUT OFTEN ON UNEXPLAINED TRIPS? DOES HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, EVER GO WITH HIM?

I **NEVER** DISCUSS MY EMPLOYER'S AFFAIRS WITH ANYONE!

"AND THEN THIS SUSPICIOUS CHAP TRIED TO BRIBE ME!"

I'VE GOT REASONS TO WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT WAYNE-- I'LL GIVE YOU ONE GRAND IN CASH FOR THE INFO!

WHY, YOU SCOUNDREL-- IF I SEE YOU ABOUT HERE AGAIN, I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

"I THOUGHT NOTHING MORE OF IT UNTIL ONE NIGHT, MONTHS LATER, I GOT THE SHOCK OF MY LIFE!"

ALFRED!

WHY--WHAT-SOME-ONE CALLING MY NAME! AND THE MASTER AND HIS WARD ARE OUT-- IT--IT-- MUST BE A GHOST--

"THE SOUND SEEMED TO COME FROM THE BIG GRANDFATHER CLOCK! SUMMONING MY COURAGE..."
ALFRED, COME DOWN, QUICK!
AN ENTRANCE BEHIND THIS BIG CLOCK--AND A SECRET STAIR LEADING DOWNWARD! BUT WHO--?
QUICKLY, ALFRED--I NEED YOUR HELP! BATMAN--BRUCE--HAS BEEN HURT!
YOU AND THE MASTER--YOU'RE BATMAN AND ROBIN! BUT WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM UP TO HIS BED!
"PRESENTLY..."
WE TACKLED SOME WATERFRONT THIEVES AND ONE OF THEM CLUBBED BATMAN! HE PASSED OUT WHEN WE GOT HOME!
I TOLD ROBIN TO CALL YOU FOR HELP, ALFRED! I KNOW YOU CAN BE TRUSTED!
"AND NEXT DAY..."
YES, ALFRED, THIS IS OUR BAT-CAVE--YOU'RE THE ONLY OTHER PERSON IN THE ENTIRE WORLD WHO KNOWS ITS LOCATION AND OUR IDENTITY!
MR. BRUCE, YOU CAN RELY ON ME--TO BE BATMAN'S BUTLER IS AN HONOR!
"LATER, WHEN YOU SHOWED ME THE WONDERS OF THE BAT-CAVE, I SUDDENLY REMEMBERED SOMETHING..."
ONE OF YOUR DUTIES WILL BE TO CARE FOR OUR BATMAN AND ROBIN COSTUMES!
OH, DEAR, I JUST REMEMBERED--I'M AFRAID SOMEBODY SUSPECTS YOU! A MAN NAMED NOYES WHO TRIED TO QUESTION ME--
--AND HE EVEN TRIED TO BRIBE ME TO TELL HIM ALL ABOUT YOU, MR. BRUCE--ER--BATMAN!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, ALFRED--SINCE YOU TOLD HIM NOTHING, THERE'S NO DANGER! WE'RE GOING TO ROUND UP THOSE CROOKS WHO SLUGGED ME LAST NIGHT!
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"BUT AS YOU AND **ROBIN** SPED AWAY, I WAS STILL WORRIED!"

DID I UNWITTINGLY SAY SOMETHING THAT MIGHT HAVE PUT THAT CHAP NOYES ON THE TRACK? I DON'T THINK SO--BUT I DIDN'T KNOW THEN THAT THE MASTER IS **BATMAN**, AND I'M NOT SURE!

"I TRIED TO PUT IT OUT OF MY MIND, AS I BEGAN MY DUTIES AS BUTLER TO **BATMAN**!"

THESE TROPHIES ARE WONDERFUL--BUT DEUCED DUSTY! **BATMAN** CERTAINLY **NEEDS** A GOOD BUTLER!

"BUT I STILL WORRIED! THEN CAME MY FIRST BIG EMERGENCY, ON THE NIGHT **YOU** ANSWERED THAT POWER-PLANT CALL..."

YES, ONE OF OUR TRUCKS HIT AND DAMAGED THE BIG TRANSFORMER--THE DRIVER'S STUNNED BUT YOU CAN'T GET HIM OUT WITH THE VOLTAGE RUNNING WILD!

ROBIN AND I PUT ON OUR **INSULATED** COSTUMES WHEN WE HEARD OF THIS--WE'LL TRY!

"I LISTENED TENSELY TO THE RADIO BULLETINS DESCRIBING YOUR STRATEGY..."

CAREFUL, **ROBIN**--DON'T LET HIM TOUCH ANY METAL! ONCE WE WRAP HIM IN THIS INSULATING BLANKET, WE CAN CARRY HIM OUT!

"AND THEN, JUST AS THE RADIO REPORTED YOUR SUCCESSFUL RESCUE, THE DOORBELL RANG, AND IT WAS SOME OF YOUR SOCIETY FRIENDS..."

I'M SORRY, BUT MR. WAYNE AND HIS WARD ARE OUT!

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, WE'LL WAIT FOR HIM!

YOU SEE, IT'S BRUCE'S BIRTHDAY AND WE'RE GOING TO WAIT AND GIVE HIM A SURPRISE PARTY WHEN HE COMES!

IT'LL BE A **RUINOUS** SURPRISE, FOR THE MASTER WILL CHANGE IN THE **BAT-CAVE** AND COME UP BEHIND THE CLOCK--AND THEY'LL **SEE** HIM! THEY'LL SURELY SUSPECT HIM THEN!

"THE MINUTES TICKED BY AND I FACED MY FIRST BIG CRISIS! I HAD TO THINK OF SOMETHING, SO..
BEG PARDON, SIR, BUT IT WOULD BE RAWTHER A BETTER SURPRISE IF YOU WAITED IN THE DARK AND SUDDENLY TURNED THE LIGHTS ON WHEN MR. WAYNE ARRIVES!
A SWELL IDEA--CUT OFF THE LIGHTS!
"I DID SO, AND NONE TOO SOON! FOR A MOMENT LATER IN THE DARKNESS..."
HMM, NO LIGHTS ON, DICK! I WONDER--?
HAVE TO CLOSE THAT SECRET CLOCK-DOOR FAST NOW!
"I DID IT, JUST BEFORE THE LIGHTS FLASHED ON..."
SURPRISE!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BRUCE! WE'VE BEEN WAITING BUT DIDN'T KNOW YOU WERE BACK TILL WE HEARD YOU SPEAK!
"AND LATER, WHEN THE GUESTS HAD GONE..."
QUICK THINKING, ALFRED! YOU SAVED OUR SECRET!
I ONLY HOPE I DIDN'T GIVE AWAY A LEAD TO THE SECRET TO THAT MAN NOYES--I'LL NEVER REST EASY UNTIL I KNOW--
"AND WHEN YOU'D PUT THEM ON OVER YOUR REGULAR COSTUMES, I DEMONSTRATED THEM!"
THEY'RE LIFE-SAVER INFLATABLE COSTUMES--IF YOU FALL IN THE RIVER, JUST TOUCH THE VALVE, AND COMPRESSED GAS INSTANTLY INFLATES THEM!
ER--THEY'RE VERY INGENIOUS, ALFRED! IT'S GOOD OF YOU TO HELP US!
"PROUD TO BE AN UNOFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE BATMAN TEAM, I ALWAYS WANTED TO HELP YOU. WHEN YOU WERE HUNTING THOSE RIVER-PIRATES, I FOUND A WAY!"
THOSE ARE FINE NEW COSTUMES YOU'VE SEWED ON THE DUMMY FITTING-FORMS OF US YOU MADE--BUT WE'VE GOT TO GO NOW!
WAIT! THESE ARE COSTUMES I WANT YOU TO WEAR TONIGHT! I'VE GOT THE IDEA FROM YOUR INSULATED COSTUMES!
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"NOT UNTIL LATER DID I LEARN THAT YOU WERE SKEPTICAL OF MY NEW INVENTION..."

I DIDN'T WANT TO HURT ALFRED'S FEELINGS -- BUT HIS INFLATABLE COSTUMES ARE SO CLUMSY, WE COULD NEVER MOVE FAST IF WE WERE WEARING THEM!

WE WON'T TELL HIM THAT WE NEVER USED THEM!

"BUT WHEN YOU CLOSED IN ON THE RIVER-PIRATES' HIDEOUT..."

LOOK OUT -- IT'S **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN!** GET INSIDE AND WE'LL BE READY FOR THEM!

WAIT, **ROBIN!** IF WE GO AFTER THEM, WE'D BE WALKING RIGHT INTO AN AMBUSH!

"THE RASCALS WERE WATCHING INDEED..."

HA, HA -- **BATMAN** AND THE BRAT TRIED TO SWIM AND TAKE US BY SURPRISE, BUT THE RIVER'S CURRENT CAUGHT THEM!

THEY'LL BE SWEPT RIGHT OUT TO SEA!

"BUT MY INVENTION HAD HELPED YOU AFTER ALL!"

NO, WE'RE RIGHT HERE -- TO SWEEP **YOU** TO JAIL!

AND WHAT YOU SAW WERE OUR "LIFE-SAVER COSTUMES" WE INFLATED AND SET AFLOAT TO DIVERT YOUR ATTENTION!

"YES, EVEN THOUGH I'M GUILTY OF WRECKING YOUR CAREER, I DID TRY TO HELP YOU! LIKE THE TIME, A FEW MONTHS LATER..."

I TRUST YOUR ACROBATIC STUNTS FOR THE CHARITY CIRCUS WILL BE OUTSTANDING, SIR!

I'LL BET VICKI VALE WILL BE THERE -- THAT OVER-CURIOUS PHOTOGRAPHER STILL IS CONVINCED THAT **BATMAN** IS BRUCE WAYNE!

"BUT SOON AFTER YOU AND **ROBIN** LEFT..."

WHY, MISS VALE -- I'M SORRY, BUT MR. WAYNE IS AT THE CHARITY CIRCUS!

HMM. I'LL BET HE IS -- IN A COSTUME! I'LL SETTLE THIS BY SEEING IF HE AND **BATMAN** ARE **BOTH** THERE!

"INASMUCH AS YOU WERE DOING YOUR "FIREFLY" ACROBATIC STUNT AT THE CIRCUS, YOU WEREN'T AWARE OF THE THREAT TO YOUR SECRET..."

JUST AS I THOUGHT! EMPTY!

"BUT SOON..."

MY INVESTIGATIONS REVEAL THAT BRUCE WAYNE BOUGHT A TICKET TO THE CIRCUS--BUT WASN'T IN HIS SEAT! HOW DO YOU EXPLAIN THAT, BATMAN?

WHY--ER--BRUCE MUST HAVE BEEN HERE--MAYBE YOU MISSED HIM--

"AND THEN I APPEARED, WITH..."

MATTER OF FACT, THERE GOES BRUCE NOW--HIS BUTLER'S DRIVING HIM HOME!

WHY, IT IS! AND I THOUGHT-- OH, I'VE BEEN SILLY--

"LATER, WHEN YOU GOT HOME, I EXPLAINED HOW I HAD SAVED YOUR SECRET..."

YES, SIR, I TOOK THE CLOTHES DUMMY OF YOU THAT I USE FOR FITTING YOUR BAT-COSTUMES, AND DROVE AROUND TILL MISS VALE SAW IT!

ALFRED, HOW DO ROBIN AND I EVER GET ALONG BEFORE WE HAD YOU FOR A BUTLER?

"BUT, AFTER YEARS, MY FEARS CAME TRUE, AS I REALIZED ONE DAY RECENTLY WHEN I WENT INTO THE BAT-CAVE, SOON AFTER YOU AND ROBIN HAD GONE OUT."

IT'S NOYES! THE MAN WHO QUESTIONED ME, THE MAN I'VE WORRIED ABOUT ALL THESE YEARS--HE WAS FINALLY ABLE TO TRACK DOWN THE BAT-CAVE FROM MY FOOLISH BLABBING!

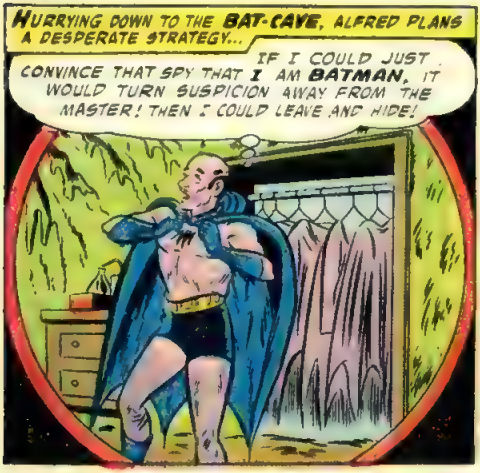
"THE TERRIBLE REALIZATION CAME TO ME!"

IT'S MY FAULT THAT NOYES FINALLY FOUND WHO BATMAN IS! I'VE LET BATMAN DOWN--I'LL HAVE TO LEAVE HIM--

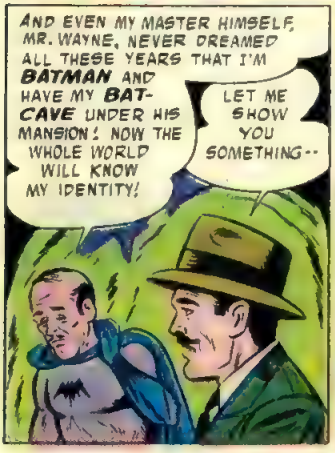
"AND THAT'S WHY I NOW WRITE THIS GOODBYE, BATMAN AND ROBIN!"

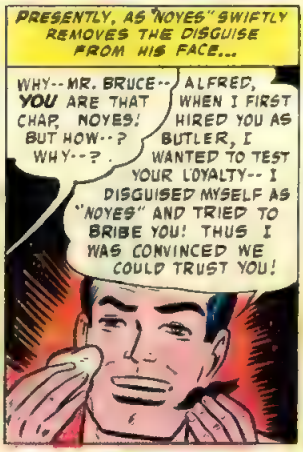
BUT AS ALFRED FINISHES HIS FARE-WELL LETTER...

HMM... IF NOYES COMES BACK TO THE BAT-CAVE TONIGHT, MAYBE THERE'S A CHANCE I CAN TRICK HIM SOMEHOW AND SAVE BATMAN'S SECRET!

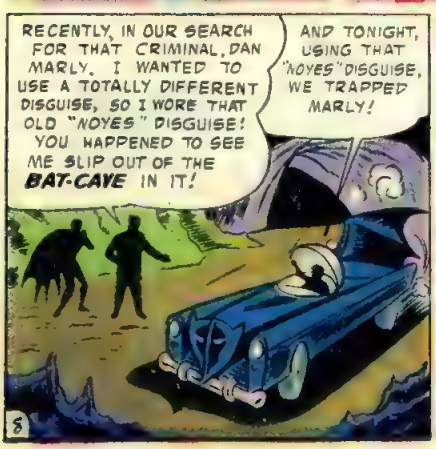

HURRYING DOWN TO THE BAT-CAVE, ALFRED PLANS A DESPERATE STRATEGY...
IF I COULD JUST CONVINCE THAT SPY THAT I AM BATMAN, IT WOULD TURN SUSPICION AWAY FROM THE MASTER! THEN I COULD LEAVE AND HIDE!

UNMINDFUL OF THE POSSIBLE DANGER TO HIMSELF, ALFRED WAITS UNTIL...
NOYES! THEN YOU'VE FINALLY FOUND ME OUT-- YOU'VE LEARNED THAT I, BRUCE WAYNE'S BUTLER, AM REALLY BATMAN!


AND EVEN MY MASTER HIMSELF, MR. WAYNE, NEVER DREAMED ALL THESE YEARS THAT I'M BATMAN AND HAVE MY BAT-CAVE UNDER HIS MANSION! NOW THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW MY IDENTITY!
LET ME SHOW YOU SOMETHING--


PRESENTLY, AS "NOYES" SWIFTLY REMOVES THE DISGUISE FROM HIS FACE...
WHY--MR. BRUCE-- YOU ARE THAT CHAP, NOYES! BUT HOW--? WHY--?
ALFRED, WHEN I FIRST HIRED YOU AS BUTLER, I WANTED TO TEST YOUR LOYALTY-- I DISGUISED MYSELF AS "NOYES" AND TRIED TO BRIBE YOU! THUS I WAS CONVINCED WE COULD TRUST YOU!

BUT WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME THAT, LATER, WHEN YOU DECIDED TO HIRE ME?
BECAUSE YOU PROVED SO LOYAL AND DEPENDABLE A FRIEND, I WAS ASHAMED TO LET YOU KNOW I'D DOUBTED YOU AND TESTED YOU AT FIRST! I DIDN'T MEAN FOR YOU EVER TO KNOW!


RECENTLY, IN OUR SEARCH FOR THAT CRIMINAL, DAN MARLY, I WANTED TO USE A TOTALLY DIFFERENT DISGUISE, SO I WORE THAT OLD "NOYES" DISGUISE! YOU HAPPENED TO SEE ME SLIP OUT OF THE BAT-CAVE IN IT!
AND TONIGHT, USING THAT "NOYES" DISGUISE, WE TRAPPED MARLY!
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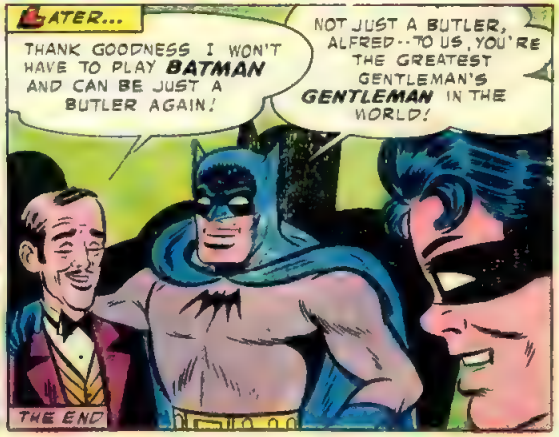
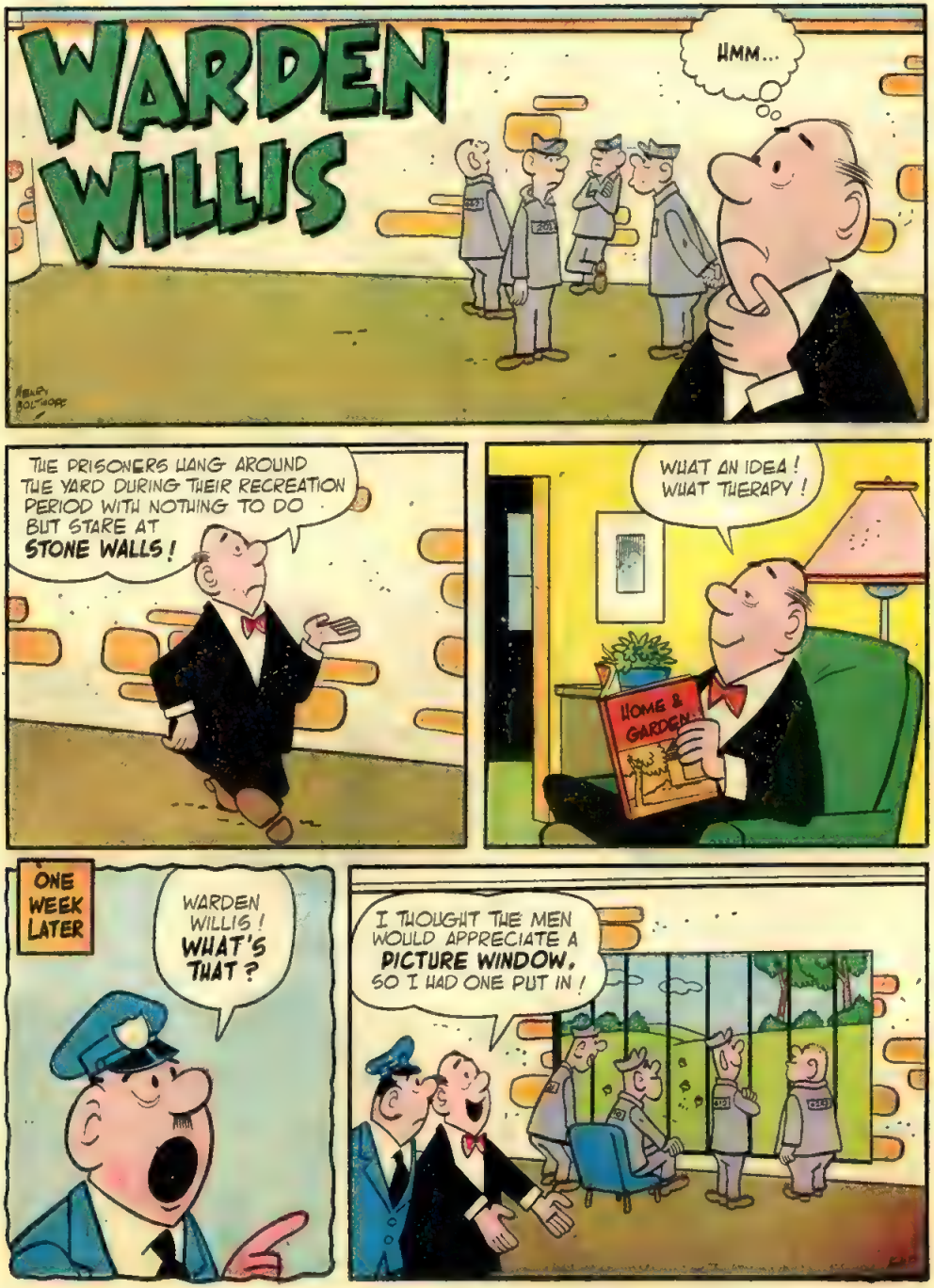

LATER...
THANK GOODNESS I WON'T HAVE TO PLAY BATMAN AND CAN BE JUST A BUTLER AGAIN!
NOT JUST A BUTLER, ALFRED--TO US, YOU'RE THE GREATEST GENTLEMAN'S GENTLEMAN IN THE WORLD!
THE END


WARDEN WILLIS
HMM...
THE PRISONERS HANG AROUND THE YARD DURING THEIR RECREATION PERIOD WITH NOTHING TO DO BUT STARE AT STONE WALLS!
WHAT AN IDEA! WHAT THERAPY!
HOME & GARDEN
ONE WEEK LATER
WARDEN WILLIS! WHAT'S THAT?
I THOUGHT THE MEN WOULD APPRECIATE A PICTURE WINDOW. SO I HAD ONE PUT IN!

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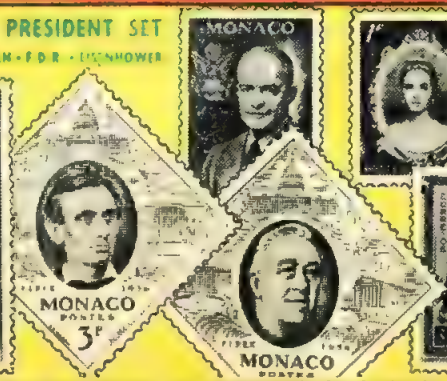

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TIN BADGES OF THE RAILS

THROUGH narrowed eyes, the thief scrutinized the passengers filtering from the express through the gate into the railroad station. Finally, he chose his victim: a portly, well-dressed man, followed by a porter bearing two bulging valises. He followed them casually to the cigar stand, where the man tipped the porter, as he set down the suitcases. While the man turned his attention to selecting some cigars, the thief swiftly slipped up behind, snatched the two pieces of luggage, and quickly lost himself in the throng.

As he hurried to the subway entrance, glancing occasionally over his shoulder to see if he was being pursued, he suddenly came to a dead halt, as he felt a heavy hand drop on his shoulder, and a voice growl: "Stop where you are, mister! You're under arrest!"

It was useless to claim the valises as his own, or plead innocence, or act indignant. He knew that the jig was up, that he'd been caught red-handed, literally, as his hands clutched the stolen suitcases. The terminal detectives were wise in the ways of baggage-snatchers. The victim didn't even have time to notify the authorities of his loss. For these depot detectives keep a wary eye for seedy-looking, nervous individuals, carrying luggage that was beyond their means, to the street or subway.

What could this baggage-burglar have realized if he had escaped? Nothing more than what the nearest pawnshop would have given him for the bag and its contents. That is why he always worked alone. There wouldn't have been enough profit to split with any accomplices, if his plan succeeded.

But watching for baggage thieves is only one of the many duties of these plainclothesmen who make up the Protective Section of the Association of American Railroads. Alert for all sorts of petty criminals, these station sleuths discreetly conceal their identity by mingling with passengers on the platforms, lounging in waiting rooms, and strolling through the station. Some are stationed in balconies, which provide good vantage points to observe the crowds below. These men are rotated every half hour to avoid suspicion.

Like other policemen, they are not confined to indoor work exclusively. Their beat extends to the length of the rails. They patrol the yards to safeguard the cargoes of the boxcars, often ferreting out and capturing crooks. They are present at disasters. When a train, recently, was derailed and slid over an embankment, detectives nabbed a pair of thugs who tried to loot the stricken passengers.

They cooperate with Secret Servicemen, who keep the President under close surveillance when he is aboard a train. They supervise and help guard valuable shipments. Not long ago, when a curious soldier slipped through the door of a steel car, which had just been loaded with gold bullion destined for Ft. Knox, he was surprise to see a man lunge at him, a menacing pistol in his hand.

"Who are you? What are you doing in here?" snapped the stranger.

"I—I'm one of the soldiers assigned to guard this car. I just wanted to see what a billion dollars in gold looks like," blurted out the soldier, when he managed to catch his breath.

"Okay, son. This isn't a sightseeing tour. Now, get back to your post, outside," said the man.

"No, I'm not—until you identify yourself!"

Whereupon the man displayed his badge. "I'm a railroad detective, and I'm sitting on that pot of gold until we reach the end of the rainbow, Ft. Knox!"

Truly, the railroad detective is the 20th century's knight of the road.

BAT MAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

THE STRANGEST OF ALL DOOMS STRIKES **BATMAN**, AND GIVES HIM A POWER NO HUMAN BEING HAS EVER POSSESSED BEFORE!

BUT IT ALSO GIVES HIM A **HANDICAP**. AT THE VERY TIME WHEN HE AND **ROBIN** FACE A SUPREME STRUGGLE! INDEED, CRIMINALS CHUCKLE WITH DELIGHT WHEN THEY LEARN ABOUT...

THE PHANTOM BATMAN

I HIT **BATMAN** BUT MY FIST WENT **THROUGH** HIM!

ONE FATEFUL NIGHT, AS "SOCIETY PLAYBOY" BRUCE WAYNE AND HIS WARD, DICK GRAYSON, PREPARE FOR ACTION...

WE'LL START EARLY TONIGHT, DICK... WE'VE **GOT** TO FIND THE HIDEOUT OF LEN LANDERS' MOB OF THIEVES!

I'M NOT HOPEFUL, BRUCE...THEY'VE STAGED THREE BIG ROBBERIES, AND WE HAVEN'T FOUND THEIR BASE YET!

CHANGING COSTUME IN THE HIDDEN **BAT-CAVE** UNDER THEIR MANSION, THEY BEGIN A GRIM SEARCH AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**...

WE'VE COMBED THIS INDUSTRIAL SECTION WITHOUT FINDING LANDERS' HIDEOUT!

BATMAN, LOOK! A FIRE--AT THE **GOTHAM ELECTRONICS COMPANY!**

THE MIGHTY BATMOBILE SWIFTLY REACHES THE SCENE...
HURRY, BATMAN! THIS IS OUR BIG EXPERIMENTAL ELECTRONICS LABORATORY-- AND ONE OF OUR MEN IS STILL UP THERE, OVERCOME BY SMOKE!
WE CAN'T GO THROUGH THOSE BLAZING LOWER FLOORS, BUT WE CAN REACH THE ROOF FROM THE NEXT BUILDING! COME ON, ROBIN!
LABORATORY
WITHIN MINUTES...
THERE HE IS-- AND THE FIRE'S JUST REACHING THIS FLOOR! I'LL TIE HIM TO MY ROPE AND YOU CAN HAUL HIM UP TO THE ROOF, ROBIN!
BUT, JUST AS THE UNCONSCIOUS SMOKE-VICTIM IS HAULED UP TO SAFETY...
THE FIRE'S SHORTED THE WIRING--THE BIG TUBES ARE BURSTING! THAT RADIATION IS HITTING ME!
AS THE FLASH OF AWFUL ELECTRIC POWER DIES AWAY, LEAVING BATMAN STAGGERING.
WHEW! THAT BLAST OF FORCE DIDN'T SEEM TO HURT ME, BUT... BUT WHAT'S HAPPENED TO MY HAND AND ARM?
AND WHEN A WORRIED ROBIN SLIDES DOWN TO JOIN BATMAN MOMENTS LATER...
I GOT THAT MAN SAFELY INTO THE FIREMEN'S HANDS AND... BATMAN! MY HANDS -- THEY WENT RIGHT THROUGH YOU!
I KNOW... AND I CAN WALK THROUGH SOLID MATTER NOW! THAT FREAK BLAST OF ELECTRIC FORCE MUST HAVE REVERSED THE ATOMS OF MY BODY!
SEE?... EVERY ATOM OF ORDINARY MATTER HAS A POSITIVE ELECTRIC CHARGE AT ITS CENTER--BUT THAT NEGATIVE ELECTRIC FORCE HAS GIVEN MY ATOMS A NEGATIVE CHARGE!
SO THAT'S WHY YOU CAN PASS THROUGH SOLID OBJECTS! BATMAN, THIS IS TERRIBLE-- UNEARTHLY!
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YOU USE THE ROPE-- I CAN WALK OUT THROUGH A WALL WITHOUT ANYONE SEEING! NO ONE MUST LEARN WHAT'S HAPPENED TO ME!
YES-- IF CROOKS LIKE LANDERS DISCOVER YOU CAN'T GRAB OR STOP THEM NOW, THEY'LL REALLY RUN WILD!
AS THE STUNNED DUO RETURNS TO THE BAT-CAVE...
WE MUST TRY TO UNDO WHAT HAPPENED TO ME! I EXAMINED THE WIRING THAT CAUSED THE FREAK FORCE, AND MAYBE WE CAN USE A REVERSED, POSITIVE FORCE TO MAKE ME NORMAL AGAIN!
I'LL GET ALFRED TO HELP ME, SINCE YOU CAN'T HANDLE INSTRUMENTS NOW!
WHEN BATMAN'S LOYAL BUTLER ARRIVES...
YOU LOOK SOLID, SIR, AND I CAN SEE AND HEAR YOU-- YET, YOU'RE NOT THERE! IT'S EXTRAORDINARY YOU DON'T SINK RIGHT THROUGH THE FLOOR!
THAT'S BECAUSE THE ELECTRIC CHARGE NULLIFIED MY WEIGHT, ALFRED! BUT THE CHARGE DOESN'T AFFECT LIGHT OR SOUND WAVES, SO I CAN SEE, SPEAK AND HEAR!
POWERFUL PROJECTOR IS SOON SET UP, AND...
THIS IS THE HIGHEST-POWER POSITIVE ELECTRIC CHARGE WE CAN PRODUCE! IS IT WORKING ON YOU?
I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING!
SHORTLY...
IT--IT DIDN'T CHANGE ME BACK TO NORMAL! NO POWER WE CAN PRODUCE IS STRONG ENOUGH TO MATCH THAT FREAK BLAST OF ENERGY!
THEN YOU'LL STAY LIKE THIS PERMANENTLY? OH, NO, BATMAN!
WE'LL FIND A WAY SOONER OR LATER TO UNDO THIS-- BUT RIGHT NOW, WE'VE GOT TO KEEP AFTER THE LANDERS MOB! UNLESS WE FIND THEM, THEY'LL STRIKE AGAIN!
BUT-- HOW CAN YOU GO INTO ACTION WHEN YOU CAN'T TOUCH OR HOLD ANYONE?
YOU'LL BE MY HANDS, ROBIN... AND DON'T FORGET, MY NEW HANDICAP MAY HELP OUR SEARCH FOR LANDERS' HIDEOUT, NOW THAT I CAN WALK THROUGH WALLS!
THAT'S TRUE-- BUT BE CAREFUL, THEY MUSTN'T LEARN HOW YOU'VE CHANGED!

NEXT MORNING...
IF ONLY WE COULD GET MORE POWER INTO THAT PROJECTOR, IT MIGHT WORK!
FORGET IT, FOR NOW, ROBIN! TAKE ME TO THE NORTH BRIDGE SECTION... THAT'S WHERE LANDERS FORMERLY HUNG OUT, AND I MAY PICK UP A TRAIL TO HIM THERE!
AND AS THE PHANTOM BATMAN BEGINS AN INCREDIBLE SEARCH...
THIS WAS ONE OF LANDERS' FORMER HAUNTS.. I'LL TAKE A LOOK!
WE MUST FIND SOME POWER THAT WILL RETURN BATMAN TO NORMAL.. BUT HOW?
JUST THEN...
FLASH! A WORKMAN HAS BEEN TRAPPED BY THE CAVE-IN OF THE NEW SUBWAY TUNNEL!
HEAR THAT, BATMAN? MAYBE, WITH YOUR NEW POWER, YOU COULD HELP!
UPON REACHING THE SCENE OF THE DISASTER...
IT'LL TAKE DAYS TO CLEAR THE CAVE-IN AND LOCATE THE TRAPPED MAN! THEY COULD SAVE HIM ONLY IF THEY KNEW EXACTLY WHERE HE IS!
I'LL HAVE A CLOSER LOOK, COMMISSIONER!
AFTER SLIPPING OUT OF SIGHT...
HAVE TO BE CAREFUL... NO ONE--NOT EVEN THE TRAPPED MAN-- MUST SEE ME DO THIS!
HELP! IT'S NO USE... NO ONE CAN HEAR ME!
I CAN... AND I'LL BE ABLE TO TELL THE OTHERS WHERE HE IS!
THUS, AS MIGHTY MACHINES ACT ON BATMAN'S INFORMATION...
THEY REACHED HIM IN NO TIME! I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FOUND HIS EXACT LOCATION, BATMAN, BUT IT WAS GREAT WORK!
OH, OH-- I CAN'T SHAKE HANDS WITH COMMISSIONER GORDON. HIS HAND WOULD GO RIGHT THROUGH MINE!

EH--? HAVE I OFFENDED YOU IN SOME WAY, BATMAN?
NO,-- I'M JUST... ER... BUSY, COMMISSIONER! COME ON, ROBIN!
AND AS BATMAN CONTINUES HIS PHANTOM SEARCH FOR A THIEF'S TRAIL...
YEAH, IT COST LANDERS PLENTY FOR THE PLACE-- BUT THAT SHELTER IS WORTH IT!
SHELTER? THAT CAN ONLY MEAN ONE THING!
FIGHT
ROBIN-- REMEMBER WHEN SEVERAL RICH MEN HAD AIR-RAID SHELTERS DUG UNDER THEIR MANSIONS? ONE OF THOSE WOULD MAKE AN IDEAL HIDEOUT FOR THIEVES!
I THINK YOU'VE GOT IT, BATMAN! WE'LL CHECK EACH OF THOSE MANSIONS!
BUT AS THE SEARCH NARROWS DOWN...
WE'VE CHECKED ALL EXCEPT THE DAWSON MANSION AND... WAIT-- PULL UP, ROBIN! THAT WOMAN IS HAILING US!
BATMAN! MY BABY BOY HAS WANDERED OFF... I'M AFRAID HE MAY BE IN THE RAILROAD YARDS!
YOU TAKE THE NORTH END OF THE YARDS, ROBIN-- I'LL SEARCH THE SOUTH!
RIGHT!
AS BATMAN RACES RAPIDLY THROUGH LINES OF CARS...
THERE HE IS, ON THE MAIN-LINE TRACK! AND A TRAIN MAY COME ALONG ANY MOMENT!
THE PHANTOM LAWMAN FACES A DIRE PROBLEM...
I CAN'T PICK HIM UP-- CAN'T EVEN TOUCH HIM! AND THE BRIGHT TRACKS FASCINATE HIM... HE'LL STAY RIGHT BETWEEN THEM!
BRIGHT... PRETTY...
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QUICKLY, BATMAN RESORTS TO A CLEVER STRATEGEM...
SINCE THIS MIRROR, FROM MY UTILITY-BELT, WAS SUBJECTED TO THE SAME ELECTRICAL FORCE, I'M ABLE TO HOLD IT! IT'S LURING HIM OFF THE TRACK-- AND WILL KEEP HIM OFF TILL HIS MOTHER GETS HERE!
BRIGHT!
LATER, AS THE PAIR RESUMES ITS SEARCH...
THIS IS THE DAWSON MANSION-- BUT IT LOOKS EMPTY!
YES-- DAWSON DIED RECENTLY, AND THE PLACE WAS SOLD! IT'S THE AIR-RAID SHELTER UNDERNEATH THAT I WANT TO SEE!
AND, SURE ENOUGH, DOWN BELOW...
THIS IS IT! THERE'S THE LOOT STOLEN BY THE LANDERS RING!
AND NO ONE'S HERE... WE CAN RECOVER THIS LOOT, AND THEN SET A TRAP FOR THEM WHEN THEY RETURN!
BUT THE TRAP HAS ALREADY BEEN SET-- FOR BATMAN AND ROBIN!...
LOOK OUT!
CLANK
TOO LATE! CONCEALED BARS DROPPED FROM ABOVE! THEY HEARD US COMING!
RIGHT, BATMAN-- THE BARS ARE TO PROTECT OUR LOOT, BUT THEY TRAPPED YOU TWO NICELY! AND NOW THAT YOU'RE OUT OF ACTION, WE CAN PULL OUR BIG ROBBERY AT GOTHAM BANK!
BATMAN COULD GET OUT EASILY-- BUT IF HE DID, THEY'D KNOW ABOUT HIS "PHANTOM" CONDITION-- SO HE WON'T!
BUT ROBIN, LIKE THE MOBSTERS, IS IN FOR A SURPRISE...
I CAN'T LET THEM PULL THAT JOB! EVEN THOUGH IT DISCLOSES MY SECRET, I'VE GOT TO WARN THE POLICE!
BOSS, LOOK! BATMAN CAN WALK THROUGH SOLID BARS!
AND MY FIST GOES RIGHT THROUGH HIM! WE CAN'T STOP HIM!
DON'T GET EXCITED! IF HE LEAVES, WE'VE STILL GOT ROBIN AS A HOSTAGE!
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H-HE'S GOT ME COLD... I WOULDN'T DARE RISK ROBIN'S SAFETY!
SEE?... THAT STOPPED HIM! YOU STAY AND GUARD ROBIN, BARNEY... I'LL PICK UP THE OTHERS AND WE'LL HIT THE BANK AS SOON AS IT CLOSES!
AND WHEN LANDERS HAS DEPARTED...
HA, HA--GUESS YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE, BATMAN... AND YOU CAN'T EVEN TOUCH ME!
ONLY ONE CHANCE TO GET ROBIN OUT-- IF I CAN JUST TIP HIM OFF TO MY PLAN...
A FEW WHISPERED WORDS, AS THE GUARD TURNS HIS HEAD, AND...
OF COURSE...SINCE I CAN WALK THROUGH BATMAN, I CAN ALSO WALK INTO HIM AND STAY THERE!
THUS, WHEN THE STUPEFIED CROOK TURNS HIS BACK...
HUH--? ROBIN'S GONE! HOW DID HE GET OUT SO QUICK?... WHERE IS HE..?
THAT'S OUR SECRET!
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT WE DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT... GOT TO FIND HIM! SINCE BATMAN CAN WALK OUT ANYTIME, NO USE WORRYING ABOUT HIM ESCAPING!
BUT AN INSTANT LATER...
WHAT--? THE BRAT HID INSIDE, BATMAN!
RIGHT... AND HERE'S WHERE YOU'LL STAY, TILL WE CATCH YOUR PALS AT THE BANK!
CLANK!
OUTSIDE, THE BATMOBILE RACES AWAY UNDER A STORM-THREATENING SKY...
DID YOU SAY YOU WANT TO GO TO THE BAT-CAVE FIRST?
YES... THE BANK WON'T CLOSE FOR AN HOUR-- AND THAT LIGHTNING GIVES ME AN IDEA!

PRESENTLY, BEHIND THE WAYNE MANSION...
OH, DEAR-- PEOPLE WILL THINK I'M A SILLY SORT OF BUTLER TO BE FLYING A KITE IN A STORM... BUT IT'S THE MASTER'S ORDERS!
WHILE DOWN IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE...
ALFRED GOT THE KITE HIGH IN THE AIR, AND BROUGHT ITS FLEXIBLE METAL STRING DOWN THROUGH THE CONCEALED VENTILATION-SHAFT!
CONNECT IT TO THE POWER-LEADS OF THE APPARATUS, THEN MOVE BACK TO A SAFE DISTANCE!
NEXT MOMENT, AS LIGHTNING STRIKES THE KITE, SENDING A TREMENDOUS NATURAL ELECTRICAL FORCE DOWN TO THE MACHINE...
CRACK
LATER, AS THE LANDERS MOB MOVES TOWARD A CLOSED BANK...
LOOK, BOSS, IT'S BATMAN! HE CAME TO STOP US AFTER ALL!
SO WHAT? HE CAN'T EVEN TOUCH US! WE CAN IGNORE HIM!
GOTHAM BAN
TRY IGNORING THIS, LANDERS!
HUH? HE'S SOLID AGAIN... AND WE LET HIM WALK RIGHT UP TO US! WE'RE SUNK!
AND SO, AFTER DELIVERING THE CRIMINALS TO JAIL...
THE LIGHTNING SHATTERED THE WHOLE APPARATUS--BUT IT DID MAKE YOU NORMAL AGAIN, BY ITS REVERSE ELECTRICAL CHARGE!
AND JUST IN TIME, TOO, ROBIN--BECAUSE WITH MY INABILITY TO TOUCH ANYTHING SOLID, I WAS GETTING REAL HUNGRY!
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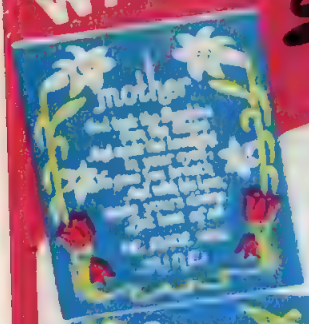

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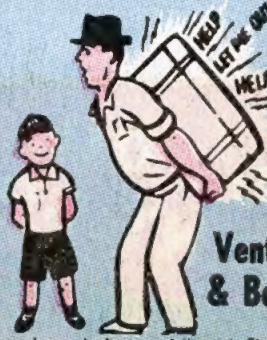

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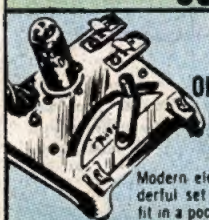

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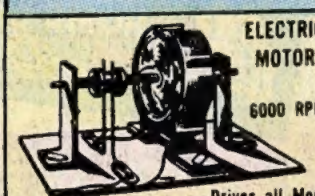

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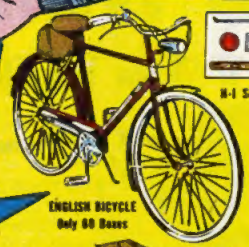
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